

On December 8, 2022, EPA's Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization held a webinar to assist applicants with preparing applications for the Fiscal Year 2023 Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-12. Below is a transcript of questions submitted by participants and EPA's response. Responses below may include additional information than what was provided during the webinar.

For any questions, please contact Matthew Wosje ([vosje.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:wosje.matthew@epa.gov)), EPA's Agency Contact listed in Section VII. of the Guidelines. If you have questions on how to submit an application through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), please visit the "APPLICANTS" tab on the [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) website for information.

GENERAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
<p><b>Q: Just to confirm: one applicant per program will receive a grant award -is that correct?</b></p> <p>A: An applicant may apply for one topic area or multiple topic areas. If applying for multiple topic areas, an applicant must submit a separate application for each topic. If an applicant applies for more than one topic, and is selected for award in multiple topics, EPA may combine those selections into one cooperative agreement award.</p>
<p><b>Q: Can you provide a list of prior grant awardees?</b></p> <p>A: For these TA opportunities, there are no prior grant awardees. This is the first time EPA is offering these five targeted technical assistance opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Q: Can you be more specific on what EPA is looking for in response to the Narrative/Ranking Criterion <i>iv. Community Need</i> when it asks:</b></p> <p><b>"How the technical assistance program the applicant describes and plans to deliver will meet the needs of communities that are unable to draw on other sources of funding." Is that referring to the capacity to manage a grant, fund the work, or both?</b></p> <p>A: This criterion does not refer to the applicant's ability to manage a grant or fund the work. Instead, this criterion requests information from the applicant on how their proposed TA project will serve communities that are unable to gain funding for environmental assessment, remediation and subsequent reuse of brownfields sites.</p>
<p><b>Q: For nonprofit applicants, will you accept partnership applications? Will you require a prime and sub to be established at the time of application? Would that need to be bided out after award is made?</b></p> <p>A: If eligible to apply, your organization may partner with other eligible organizations to submit an application for any of the five topic areas. However, EPA will consider the applicant that submits the application to be the lead entity; should the application be selected for funding, the submitting applicant will be responsible to EPA for grant administration. At the time of application, your organization does not need to have subaward agreements/contracts in place, but your application should address your plan to subaward/contract out funds in your budget. Your organization must follow the applicable federal subaward or procurement</p>

requirements for subaward/contract funds under this cooperative agreement. Please see Section IV. E. ii. of the RFA, EPA's Best Practices Guide for Procurement (<https://www.epa.gov/grants/best-practice-guide-procuring-services-supplies-and-equipment-under-epa-assistance>), and EPA's Subaward Policy (<https://www.epa.gov/grants/grants-policy-issuance-gpi-16-01-epa-subaward-policy-epa-assistance-agreement-recipients>) for more information.

**Q: For the Local Gov't TA, what would you say is the biggest difference between this TA grant and the larger TAB TA Grants that also have an open solicitation (EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-11)?**

A: The TAB Grants are designed to assist communities within a specific geographic area with a range of brownfields challenges. The local Government TA is designed to assist elected and appointed local government leaders and staff nationwide as they develop and operate brownfield programs within their jurisdiction.

**Q: For the Landbank TA, does the applicant need to have an existing landbank program to be considered or could the applicant be considered if the research, assistance, etc. helped them to establish a land bank program?**

A: The applicant does not need to have an existing landbank program. Any eligible entity may apply for this cooperative agreement. Please see Section III.A. Who Can Apply? of the RFA.